

Council Highlights
November 24, 2021 (Meeting #26¹)

The Council of the College of Naturopaths of Ontario met on Wednesday November 24, 2021 from 9:18 a.m. to 11:35 a.m. Six of the seven elected professional members and five of the six public members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council were present. Also in attendance was Dr. Danielle O'Connor, ND, Chair of the Registration Committee and General Legal Council Rebecca Durcan of the law firm Steinecke Maciura LeBlanc. The agenda and supporting materials for the meeting were released via the College's website on November 17, 2021 and are available on the [College's website](#).

In addition to its regular routine business and receipt of reports from each of the Chair and Chief Executive Officer as well as the Operating Report – Mid-year Report, Report on Finances at the end of the second quarter, the Council considered several important matters which have been highlighted below.

Process for Governance Evaluation – Having successfully completed its first cycle in the new process, the Council considered and approved changes to the policy. This process is set out in policy under [GP 16- Governance Evaluation](#).

CEO Review Panel Appointments – According to Governance Policy [19- CEO Performance Review](#), each year the Council at its November meeting, will need to appoint the members to the CEO Performance Review Panel (the Review Panel) with a minimum of three members and up to a maximum of four members, that is comprised of the Council Chair and Council Vice-Chair and one or two Council members. This year, the Review Panel is comprised of Dr. Kim Bretz, ND, Council Chair, Sarah Griffiths-Savolaine, Council Vice-Chair, Dr. Jordan Sokoloski, ND, and Brook Dyson.

Registration Policy - The Council considered and accepted recommendations from the Registration Committee for amendments to the Registration Policy which is an element of the Registration Program Policies. Amendments were required due to currency, CPR requirements and non-clinical Terms, Conditions, and Limitations (TCL). The amended policy is available on the [College's website](#).

Vaccination Statement to the Profession - The Council had an extensive discussion about the need for the statement and its intent. There was a general consensus that it was an appropriate statement for the Council to make. The Statement is available on the [College's website](#).

Committee Appointments - Council was informed of recent resignations of a committee member and Council member, as well as suggested appointments to consider ensuring the affected Committees to ensure they remain properly constituted. The Council accepted the recommendations of appointment.

By-law Changes – The Council also considered and accepted the proposed by-law changes to two areas, including the provisions setting out the process for election to the Council and second and the provisions governing the payment plan. The by-laws are available on [the College's website](#).

¹ This is the 26th meeting of the Council dating back to its first meeting held following proclamation of the *Naturopathy Act, 2007* on July 1, 2015.

Council Education – As a part of the College and its Council’s commitment to good governance, the Council conducted an educational exercise. Dr. Mary-Ellen McKenna, ND (Inactive), Manager of Professional Practice, conducted a program briefing about the Inspection Program. Program briefings are provided for informational purposes to ensure the Council is aware of all the complex programs operated by the regulatory body

Readers who have questions are invited to contact the College by e-mail at general@collegeofnaturopaths.on.ca.

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